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AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Final Office Action (Paper Number 13) mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on May 21, 2001. A one month extension of time is respectfully requested and the appropriate fee is submitted concurrently herewith.

Telephone Interview with Examiner Naff

Applicants' representative conducted a telephone interview with Examiner Naff on August 23, 2001, during which rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 112 and 103 were discussed. Applicants thank Examiner Naff for the opportunity to discuss the merits of this application. Examiner Naff suggested that an amendment of claims 55 and 66 to include the limitation that the agent is not a substrate of transglutaminase would make the claims allowable over the prior art of record. Applicants have amended these claims accordingly.

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In the Specification

A marked-up version of the following specification section can be found in Appendix A.

Please re-write the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 7, as follows:

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application serial no. 09/234,358, filed January 20, 1999, entitled "Transglutaminase Linkage of Agents to Tissue" which is pending, and which



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- ☒ **Amendment in response to Final Office Action dated May 21, 2001
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A one month extension of time is respectfully requested, and a check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of this extension. If any further fee is determined to be due, the Examiner is authorized to charge said fee to the account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 23/2825. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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